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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE REFORMISTS' ALLEGATIONS IN DIET

REF: A. FBIS TOKYO 230604Z 1 OCT 1973

1. REF A REPORTED REFORMIST GROUP CLAIM IN OCT 23 TOKYO KYODO THAT US NAVY MAY BE PLANNING TO USE YOKOSUKA AS HOME PORT OF NUCLEAR POWERED SUBMARINE GUARDFISH. REPORT ALLEGED THAT 20 RPT 20 CREW MEMBERS OF GUARDFISH WERE REPLACED BY OTHER MEN, POSSIBLY PERSONNEL STATIONED IN JAPAN, AT WHITE BEACH OKINAWA OCT 2 BEFORE THE SUBMARINE ENTERED YOKOSUKA OCT 8. REPORT STATED REFORMISTS INTEND TO QUESTION GOVERNMENT LEADERS ABOUT THE MATTER AT THE COMING DIET SESSION.

2. FACTS ARE THAT FOUR STAFF MEMBERS OF SUBMARINE GROUP SEVEN AT YOKOSUKA BOARDED GUARDFISH AT WHITE BEACH IN ORDER TO CONDUCT A ROUTINE INSPECTION AND OBSERVE TRAINING OPERA-
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TIONS AND THAT THE NAVY HAS NO PLAN TO HOMEPORT GUARDFISH

OR ANY OTHER SSN IN JAPAN.

3. IF QUERIED BY FONOFF CONCERNING REFORMIST ALLEGATIONS,
EMBASSY SHOULD STATE THAT REPORT IS ERRONEOUS AND THE
ALLEGATION IS FALSE. KISSINGER

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